



CALL FOR PAPERS

Journal of Great Lakes Research special section titled “Bridging Knowledge Systems between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities”

New Submission Deadline

May 31, 2022

Topic and description

Bridging Knowledge Systems

We are compiling a collection of papers inspired by a session of IAGLR’s 2021 Conference on Great Lakes Research titled “*Bridging Knowledge Systems between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities*” led by Alexander Duncan (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation; UBC Centre for Indigenous Fisheries), Dr. Andrea Reid (Nisga’a Nation; UBC Centre for Indigenous Fisheries), Kaitlin Almack (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry), and Nicholas Boucher (Great Lakes Fishery Commission). Since colonization, mainstream approaches to ecosystem management have been principally informed and guided by Western science, to the exclusion of other ways of knowing and being. The manuscripts in this special section will highlight recent work informed by diverse ways of knowing, understanding, and interacting with natural systems of large lakes of the world, drawing on examples of work that transcend boundaries between knowledge systems. The collection will share diverse perspectives on how and why Indigenous values and perspectives create space for synergistic relationships to develop at all scales and celebrate the value of bridging knowledge systems for the health and sustainability of the world’s great lakes. Partnerships that co-produce knowledge between Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars, knowledge-holders, and communities will be showcased in this special section. We are also interested in community perspectives in the form of narratives or essays. In the spirit of co-learning, we hope to generate new knowledge on how to effectively bridge knowledge systems and work together through this sharing of experiences, strategies, and methodologies.

Anticipated impact: The special issue will bring together—in an unprecedented way in the Great Lakes Basin—multiple knowledge systems with a focus on knowledge co-production. First and foremost, we hope that the collection of diverse perspectives contained in the special section will further relationship building and ultimately trust building among communities. Collective guidance from a panel of knowledge-holders and practitioners convened during the IAGLR session will inform wise practices for co-developing knowledge. Brainstorming sessions during the IAGLR session and presented case studies will be brought together to inform a framework for bridging knowledge systems and establish recommended approaches to overcoming challenges. We intend this effort to inspire greater collaboration among Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities for the health and sustainability of the world’s great lakes.

The collection of papers will be a sponsored special section, with Open Access costs covered by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.



Article types

Submission are being sought for all types below, with a special emphasis on **community perspective pieces in the form of narratives or essays (Comments), which the editors recognize will differ from typical scientific papers. Note: we encourage technical papers to partner with appropriate communities to provide a paired commentary on the research from the community perspective.**

- Comments, in the form of narratives or essays, are informational, opinion, or perspective papers relevant to large lakes research, or reflections on previously published papers.
- Full length articles represent original research results.
- Reviews are in depth reviews of a particular topic or field.
- Short communications are short articles that report on brief but complete projects, significant observations, or are preliminary findings of continuing projects that warrant rapid publication.

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